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SUBJECT: ITU COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST TO EXCEED BUDGET CEILINGS

REF: A) STATE 184061; B) STATE 182022

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF B, MISSION OFFICER AUG 19 DELIVERED O'NEIL
LETTER (REF A) TO ITU SYG MILI RESPONDING TO LETTER DATED JULY 21
FROM CHAIRMAN OF ADMIN COUNCIL, MAURICE GHAZAL (LEBANON) ASKING
MEMBERS TO AUTHORIZE COUNCIL TO EXCEED BUDGET LIMITATIONS
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ESTABLISHED BY TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION FOR 1977, 1978, AND 1979.

2. ALTHOUGH LETTER DELIVERED IN SEALED ENVELOPE, SYG SAID HE HAD LAREADY BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS AND WISHED TO INFORM US AT ONCE: 1) THAT HE WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT WRITE THE LETTER REQUESTED BY MR. O'NEIL AS THE ORIGINAL LETTER WAS FROM GHAZAL; AND 2) THAT ANY REPLIES TO THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S LETTER WOULD BE ONLY ADVISORY, NOT BINDING IN ANY WAY ON 31ST ADMIN COUNCIL.

3. WHEN MISSION OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT MOST PRUDENT COURSE, IN VIEW OF CONTINUING BUDGET AND EXCHANGE RATE UNCERTAINTIES, WAS FOR COUNCIL TO EXAMINE BUDGET SITUATION VIS-A-VIS THE TORREMILINOS CEILING YEAR BY YEAR, SYG DEMURRED. HE FELT STRONGLY THAT COUNCIL SHOULD BREAK OUT OF TORREMOLINOS CEILING "PRISON" FOR THE BUDGETARY PERIOD 1977-1979 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. MISSION OFFICER INVITED SYG'S REACTIONS TO O'NEIL LETTER AFTER HE HAD STUDIES IT. MISSION WILL FORWARD THESE REACTIONS WHEN AND IF RECEIVED.

5. DURING SUBSEQUENT CALL BY MISSION OFFICERS ON FINANCE DIRECTOR PRELAZ, LATTER VOLUNTEERED THAT HE ENVISAGED NO DIFFICULTY IN PREPARING ITU'S 1977 BUDGET WITHIN THE TORREMOLINOS CEILING AS TORREMOLINOS HAD BEEN GENEROUS IN PROVIDING A 800,000 SF INCREASE FOR 1977 WHEREAS FOR 1976 TORREMOLINOS HAD PROVIDED AN INCREASE OF ONLY 250,000 SF. COMMENT: PRELAZ APPEARED TOTALLY UNAWARE OF GHAZAL LETTER AND MISSION OFFICERS DID NOT RAISE MATTER DURING CALL. DALE

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